

HO-451  
Elibank/The Worthington House  
Elkridge  
Private

Circa 1878

Elibank faces south on the north side of Elibank Road. Originally its entrance was on Lawyer's Hill Road, but the advent of Route I-95 divided the Rockburn-Belmont and the Lawyer's Hill areas.

It was initially constructed as a simple two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) three bay wide, one room deep summer cottage with open porch running along at least three elevations. Its east and west elevations feature semi-octagonal, conical roofed, first floor bay window with french door and a similarly styled second floor oriele window, respectively. Tall brick chimneys with decorative corbeling rise from the center of the roof line.

Very early additions were made to the cottage on its north wall so that the two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) north wing is met on its northwest corner by an additional two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) bedroom-den appendage whose north wall holds a two story high bathroom addition. The open corner created by these two additions have been filled in by further one and two story high shed roofed construction so that the north elevation (see figures 1-4) is a mass of multi-levels.

A carriage house once stood on the property which was used as an office by Addison Worthington, noted Baltimore architect, who resided here in the 1950's. Today, a two story high, gabled roof frame tenant house lies north of the house, so representative of the American country cottage and villa architecture found in the Lawyer's Hill area.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-451

District 1

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

PAGE # 1404515604

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC "Elibank"/The Worthington House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

6466 Elibank Drive (Now at 6460?)

6th

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Howard County

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard R. Stewart

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

6466 Elibank Drive

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Tax Maps 32 &  
38, p. 803Liber #: 457  
Folio #: 104

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

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SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The "Elibank"/Worthington House is located on the north side of Elibank Road, 3/10 of a mile from the intersection of Montgomery Road. The house was originally a simple three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame cottage with one story high shed roof running around its east, west and south elevations. It was very early added upon to become the architectural complex it is today composed of numerous additions extending from its north wall.

The original cottage features a semi-octagonal tent roofed oriele second floor window in the north bay holding three double-hung six-over-six light windows. The second floor window in the south bay and the attic window above feature projecting wooden lintels held by three sets of double scrolled brackets. The east elevation of the original cottage echoes the semi-octagonal tent roofed oriele window on the east elevation by placing a twelve-twelve light french door on the east face of a first floor semi-octagonal oriele window, also located in the north bay, its tall, rectangular, north and south windows each hold twelve lights.

Extending from the north wall of the cottage is a two story high kitchen wing. Extending from the northwest corner of the kitchen wing a two story high gabled roof (running north-south) (see photograph) one bay wide, one bay deep bedroom and den wing with a further two story high bathroom addition on its north wall. Numerous one and two story high shed roof additions fill in the northeast corner created by the original cottage and bedroom-den addition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Elibank is significant historically and architecturally. Historically it characterizes the summer homes built in the mid-eighteenth century in the Elkridge-Ilchester area of Howard County for wealthy Baltimoreans. Architecturally it is representative of the simple gabled roof frame cottage built in the Lawyer's Hill area. The basic cottage which initiated this building complex is similar to that built by Thomas Dobbin on Old Lawyer's Hill Road and to the initial cottage his father, Judge George Washington Dobbin built there. Both were added to as needs for further space arose, as was the case at Elibank. All chose different solutions in their additions, but the basic cottage structure or stick architecture predominates.

The architecture of Lawyers Hill was varied but similar. It reflected the varied forms with which American architects were experimenting. We find a romanesque window in the Thomas Dobbin House, and a bit of the Queen Anne in the semi-octagonal oriele windows on the east and west elevations of "Elibank" and in the varied additions to the "Lawn".

All three of these houses use wood as their building material with gabled roofs for both the Thomas Dobbin and "Elibank". There is, too, a suggestion of the Italianate in the projecting wooden lintels held by scrolled brackets.

The architecture is open with rooms opening up to one story high open porches which run around at least two or three elevations of the houses.

These houses of which "Elibank" is one, evolved The Lawyer's Hill Style, which was a sort of mid to late nineteenth century American country cottage and villa architecture, emphasizing Italianate, Gothic and Romanesque revival elements. Each structure, however, is not an exact reproduction of some European archetype, but a domestic blending of various stylistic elements, in which the builder picks and chooses, creating variety and individuality.

As the home of Addison Worthington, it is also noteworthy. Mr. Worthington was a member of the Baltimore architectural firm of Taylor and Fisher who helped design many of the buildings on the

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campuses of Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland, as well as many of the telephone buildings which dot the Baltimore area. In addition he worked independently, often in the field of restoration, such as, in the case of "Sudley" in Anne Arundel County. As a member of the American Institute of Architects, he was responsible for preparing measured drawings of old homes for the Historic American Buildings Survey and prepared a compendium of some nine homes of note in the eastern shore, complete with drawings.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**HO-451  
District 1

Mr. Philip Reitzel, Howard County  
MHT Committee.

Howard County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.66

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Maps 32 & 38.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber #: 457,  
Folio #: 104.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Figure 1  
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Elibank/The Worthington House  
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SOUTH

ELEVATION

Figure 2  
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Elibank/The Worthington House

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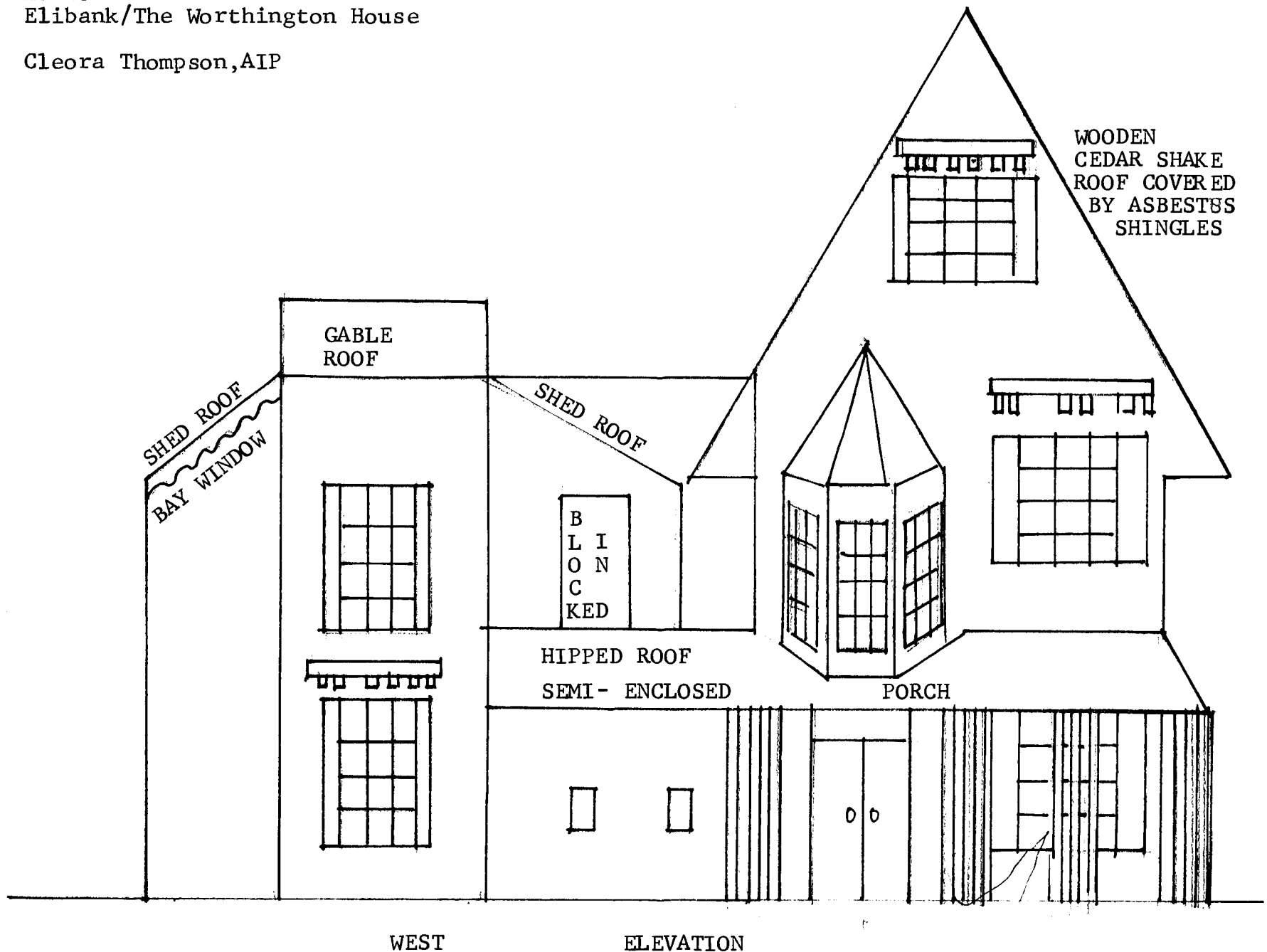
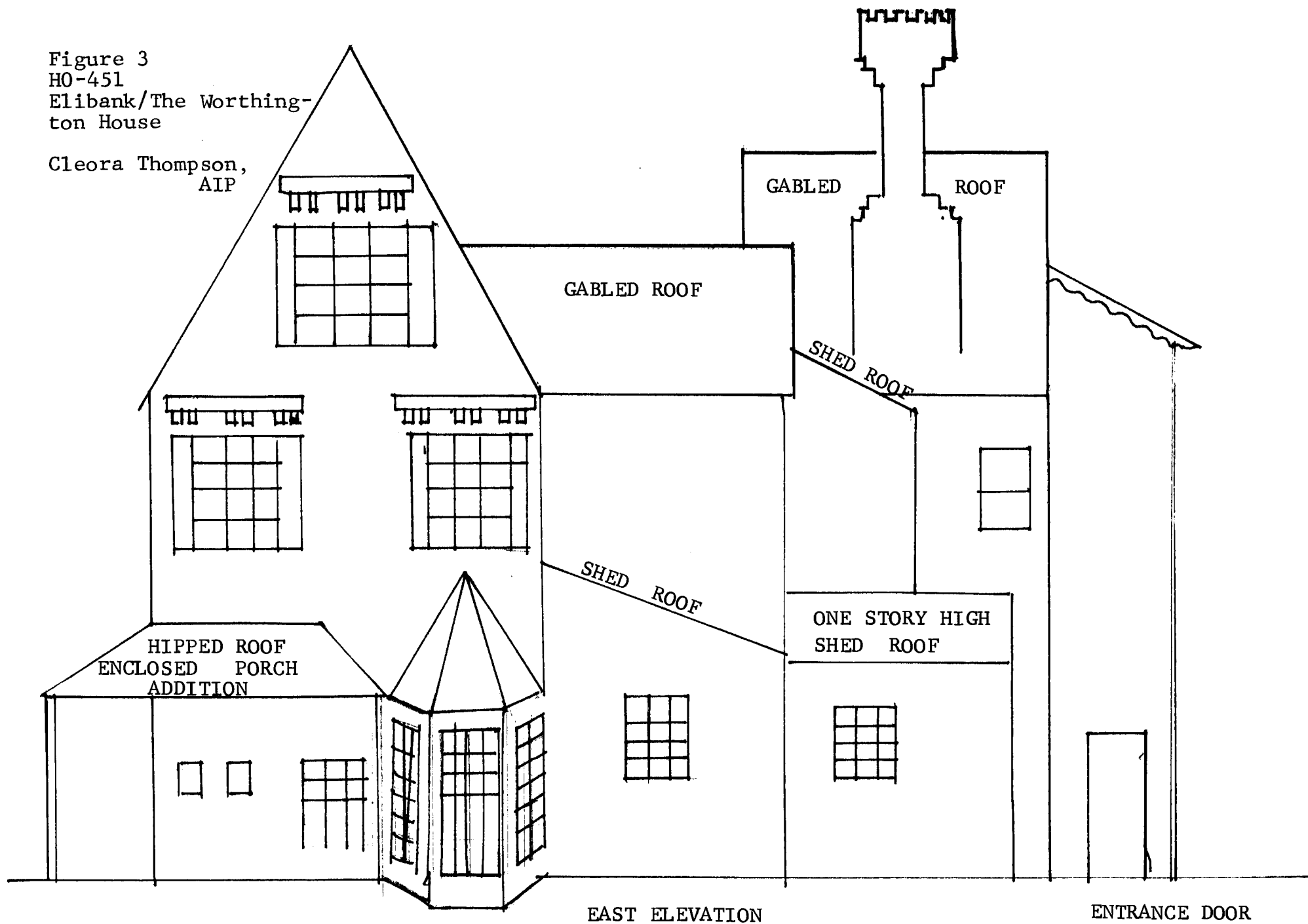




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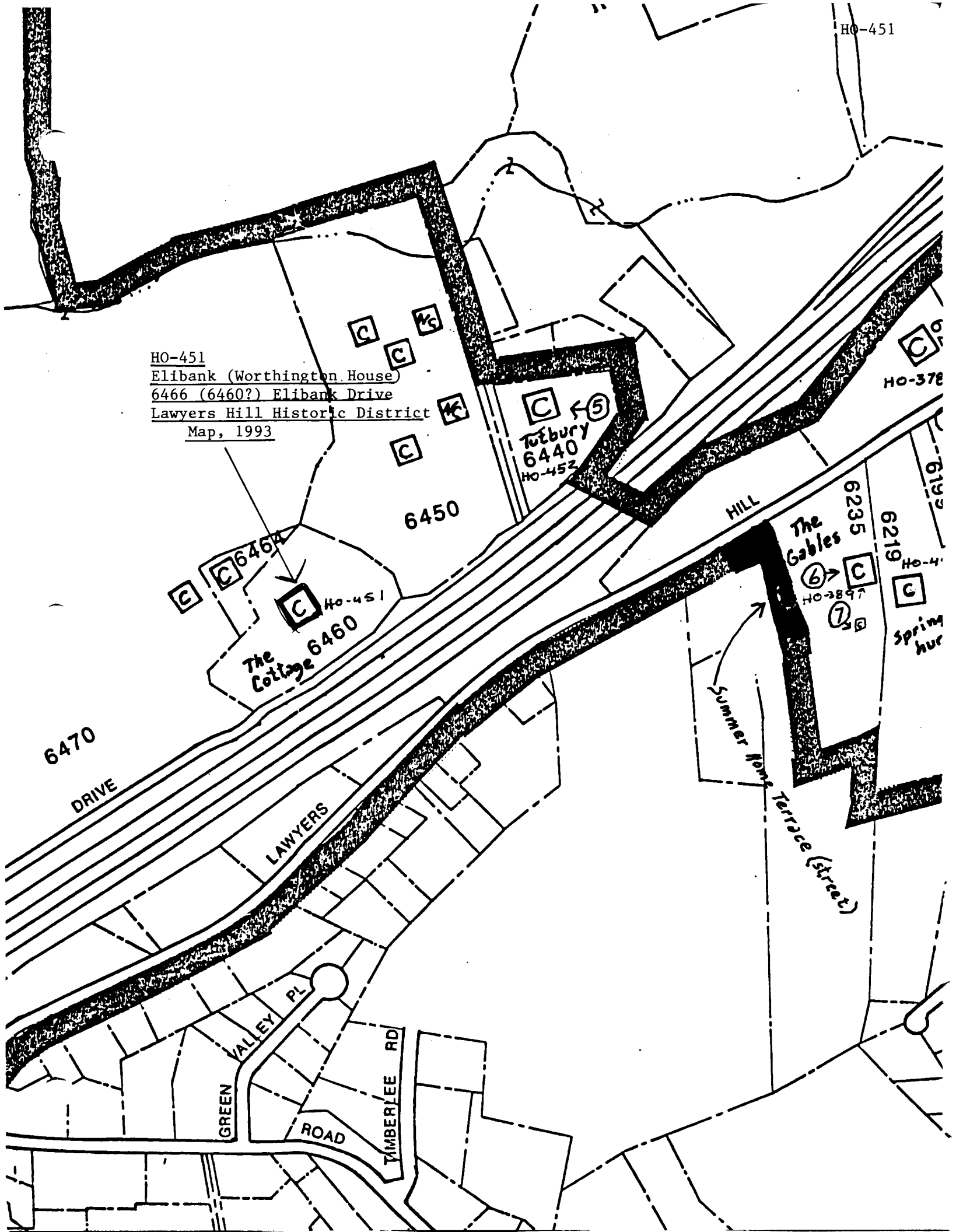
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Elibank (Worthington House)  
6466 (6460?) Elibank Drive  
Lawyers Hill Historic District  
Map, 1993



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6440  
HO-452

6450

The  
Cottage 6460  
HO-451

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LAWYERS

GREEN  
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TIMBERLEE RD

HILL

The  
Gables

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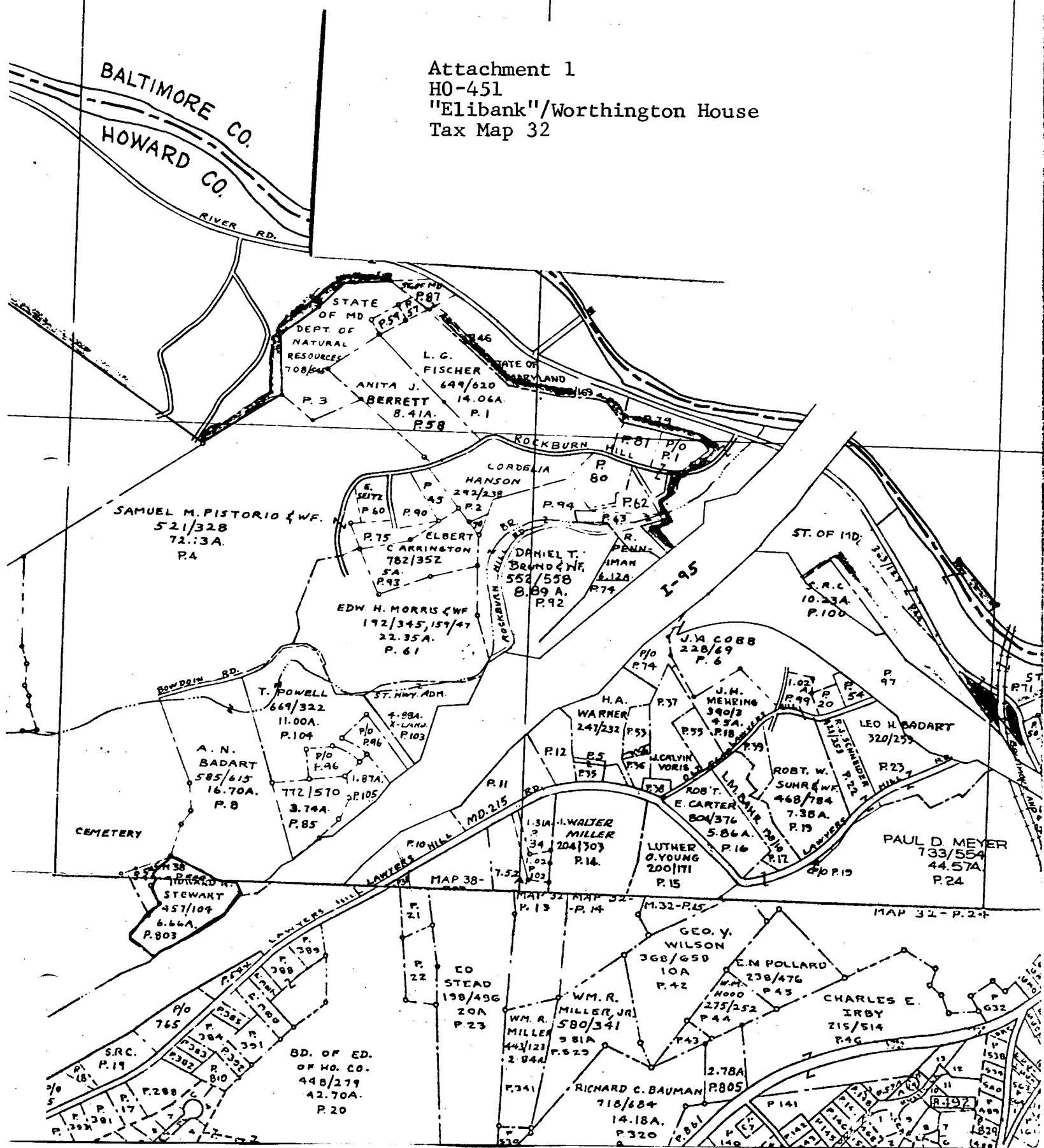
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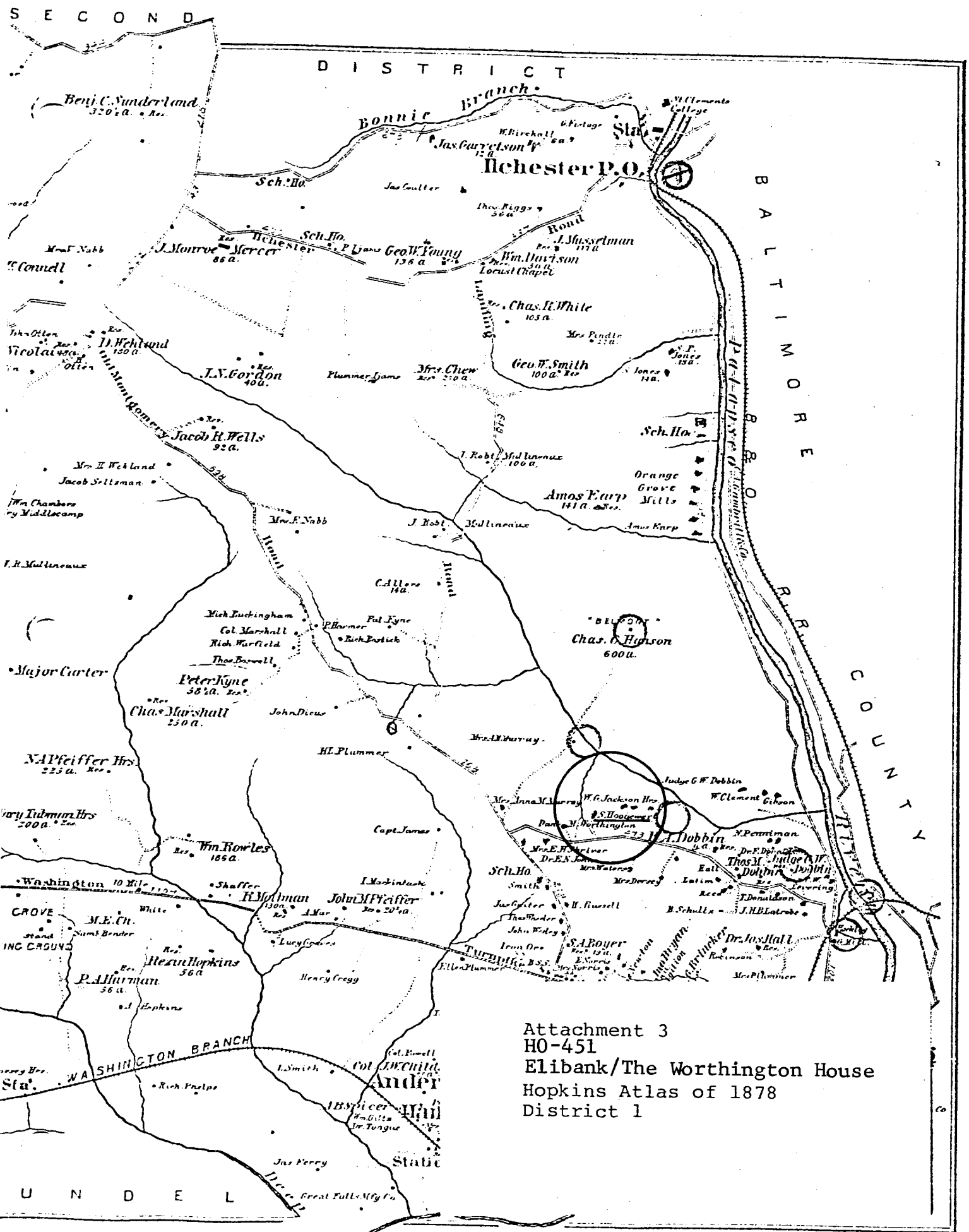
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Summer Home  
Terrace (Street)

HO-451

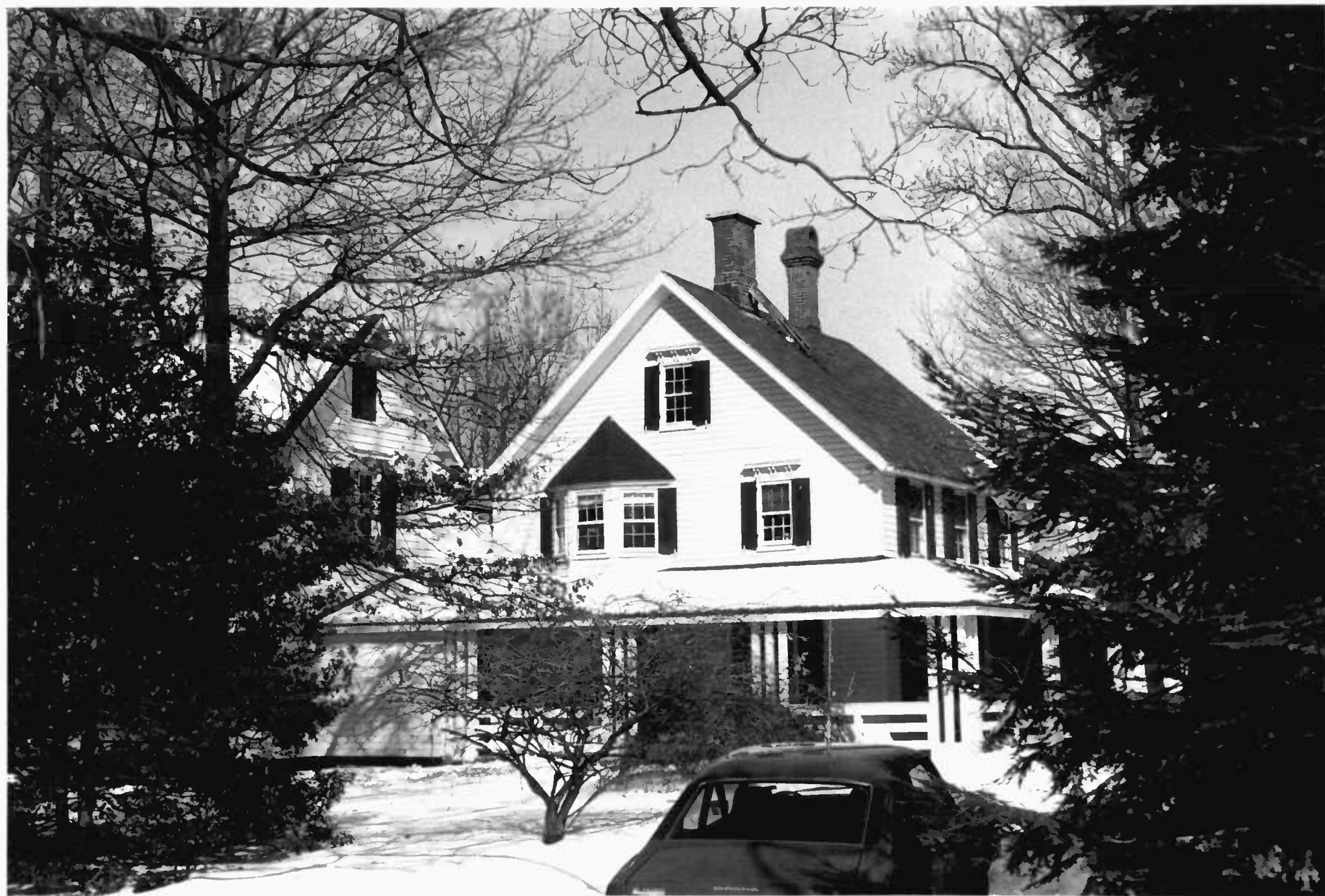
Tax Map 32





Elibank/ The Worthington House  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle

Elibank/ The Worthington House  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle



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